

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 863

By McDaniel

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Honorable Page B. Walley for his outstanding service during his meritorious tenure as a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those members of the Tennessee House of Representatives who have performed their duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm in order to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Page B. Walley is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for ten years as the dedicated representative of the good people of the 80th House District of the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Representative Walley was born in Chattanooga on March 2, 1957 and was reared in LaGrange, Fayette County; he graduated from Fayette Academy in 1975, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from Davidson College in North Carolina in 1979, and received a Master of Science Degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of Georgia in 1982; and

WHEREAS, following an internship and residency at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Miami, Florida, he was awarded a Ph.D. degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of Georgia in 1984; and

WHEREAS, a licensed minister, Page Walley served as Director of Christian Counseling Ministry at the University Baptist Church in Coral Gables, Florida from 1985-87; from 1987-88 he served as Clinical Director of the Potomac Highlands Mental Health Center in Petersburg, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, upon returning to Tennessee, Dr. Walley served astutely as Clinical Director at Quinco Community Mental Health Center in Bolivar from 1988-93; he practiced as a Psychologist at Genesis Christian Counseling Center in Jackson from 1993-94 and as a Clinical Psychologist at Superior Life Care Services in Jackson from 1994-99; and

WHEREAS, since April 1999, Representative Walley has been a Clinical Consultant at Quinco Community Mental Health Center, and has served as a Behavioral Health Consultant and Manager of Walley Consulting since September 1998; and

WHEREAS, Page Walley has lent his time, talents and energy to a number of professional and civic organizations, including membership in the American, Tennessee, Mississippi and Iowa Psychological Associations; the Western Mental Health Institute Board of Trustees; the Hardeman County Health Care Center; the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology; and the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill Advisory Board in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Representative Walley is a member of the Tennessee Farm Bureau, the Chester County Arts Association, the Hardeman County Regional Library, the Hardeman County Developmental Center, the Hardeman County Emergency Communications District, the Hardeman County Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, the Hardeman County Branch of the Carl Perkins Exchange Center, the Advisory Committee of the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service - Home Economics Division, the Fayette County APTA, the Hardeman County Chamber of Commerce, the AXA/Equitable Liberty Bowl Board of Directors, a former board member of the First South Bank and a member of the National Rifle Association; and

WHEREAS, Page Walley enjoys the confidence and support of the voters of the 80th House District, who, in November of 1990, elected him to the House of Representatives and

have continued to reelect him; he has served with probity as a member of the 97th through 101st General Assemblies. As a legislator, he has served with distinction as a member of the House Commerce, Health and Human Resources, and Calendar and Rules committees, as well as making valuable and expert contributions to the *ad hoc* Committee on TennCare, to the *ad hoc* Committee to Study School Safety Issues, to the Study Committee to Rewrite Mental Health and Mental Retardation Code, to the *ad hoc* Committee to Study Foster Care, which he chairs, and to the Governor's Task Force to Study Child Care; and

WHEREAS, Representative Walley's demonstrated abilities and dedication have resulted in his being honored as United Tennessee League Legislator of the Year in 1993, Tennessee Development Districts Legislator of the Year in 1994, recipient of the American Psychological Association's Carl F. Heiser Award for Advocacy in 1994, the Tennessee Psychological Association 1994 Psychologist of the Year, the Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations Legislator of the Year for 1995, the recipient of the Tennessee Association of Child Care Friends of Children Award for 1997, the 1997 Legislator of the Year for the Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association and the recipient of the association's President's Award, the Tennessee Forestry Association 1997 Legislator of the Year, the Tennessee Association of Human Resource Agencies 1998 Representative of the Year, the National Alliance of Mental Illness 1998 Legislator of the Year and recipient of the Ambassador of Hope Award, the recipient of the Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics' and the Tennessee Pediatric Society's 1999 Friends of Children Award; and

WHEREAS, all of his honors and offices aside, Page Walley has become a true friend to all who have had the privilege to know him, especially the members and staff of the Tennessee General Assembly. His genuine interest in the well-being of others, unfailing courtesy, and cheerful and sympathetic demeanor have engendered respect and admiration from people of every political and ideological persuasion; all of his colleagues have a continuing affection for him; and

WHEREAS, Representative Walley enjoys the love and support of his lovely wife, Terry, and their children, Blake, Jordan, and Annelise; in his professional, private, and public life, he exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the absence from these hallowed legislative chambers of our longtime colleague and friend is an occasion for sadness, but his decision is accepted with reluctance and a certain regret. We anticipate our continuing friendship with Page Walley in the years to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Representative Page B. Walley our most heartfelt wishes for much satisfaction and every continued success in his future endeavors, reflecting with affection upon our years of friendship and service together, and wishing for him and his family every happiness in the coming years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.